

ST. AIDAN'S CHORUS

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**"The
Gondoliers"**

by

GILBERT and SULLIVAN

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CHELTENHAM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

AT 8:15

1941

THE GONDOLIERS

Act 1. A Square Near the Grand Canal — Venice

A group of Venetian maidens make merry while they await the arrival of the handsome and popular Gondoliers Marco and Giuseppe Palmieri, who are about to select wives. The gondoliers arrive and not wanting to make a choice they elect to have themselves blindfolded and leave the choice to Fate. Through a bit of manipulation they manage to capture Gianetta and Tessa and seem entirely pleased with their prospective brides. All depart to prepare for the weddings and we see next the Duke of Plaza-Toro, the Duchess, their daughter, Casilda and Luiz, the Duke's only retainer who is in love with Casilda. Casilda has been married in infancy to the son and heir of the King of Barataria, but shortly after the ceremony, the Prince is stolen by Emissaries of Don Alhambra Del Bolero and conveyed to Venice, there to be brought up by Baptisto Palmieri as a companion of his own son. Baptisto, a careless fellow, contrives to mix up the two lads and then dies, leaving no one who can definitely identify the Prince except Inez, his former nurse.

Meanwhile the King of Barataria dies and since none can tell whether Marco or Giuseppe is the rightful successor Don Alhambra decides that they shall go to Barataria and reign jointly until Inez can be fetched to say which of the two is the real King. The Don will not permit Tessa and Gianetta to accompany their husbands to Barataria, so they set off to begin reigning with only men for their companions, blissfully unaware of the fact that one of them was married in infancy.

Act II BARATARIA

The Court has been remodeled on Republican principles by the two Gondoliers and Cook, Groom, Duke, Bishop and King rank equally with each man at the head of his Department. The arrival of Tessa, Gianetta and the other girls makes everything perfect until Don Alhambra enters and informs the two Kings that one of them is already married to Casilda. The Duke and Duchess and Casilda now appear to claim the rightful King as Casilda's husband. Just as everything is reaching a high state of confusion, Inez arrives with the astonishing news that when both were babies she had substituted her own son Luiz for the Prince, hence he is the rightful King. This bit of news smooths the paths of all the lovers, Casilda and Luiz are united and the Gondoliers inspired by Gianetta and Tessa prepare joyfully to return to their old calling.

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Characters — In the order of their appearance

THE DUKE OF PLAZA-TORO (a Grandee of Spain) .. Samuel Tucker
 LUIZ (his Attendant) Harry O'Connor
 DON ALHAMBRA DEL BOLERO (the Grand Inquisitor) Arthur Wells

MARCO PALMIERI	] (Venetian Gondoliers)	Joseph Walker
GIUSEPPE PALMIERI .		John Reckard
ANTONIO		Edwin Kroeker
FRANCESCO		Daniel Lauria
GIORGIO		Charles Haase
ANNIBALE		Ian Somerville

THE DUCHESS OF PLAZA-TORO Ida Haase
 CASILDA (her Daughter) Doris Glavis

GIANETTA	] (Contadine)	Helen Lee
TESSA		Ann Wells
FIAMETTA		Anita Kildare
VITTORIA		Edith Kroeker
GIULIA		Jean Farquhar

INEZ (the King's Foster-mother) Ernestine Breyer

Chorus of Gondoliers and Contadine, Courtiers, and Pages

Frank Chambers	Raymond Moore	Marian Cannan	Bette Neff
Wesley Chew	Albert Pike	Evelyn Goodwin	Margaret Reckard
Ralph Cornell	Ernest Rieben	Augusta Lacy	Doris Somerville
William Dowall	Robert Shaw	Marie MacMillan	Elizabeth Teal
Johnson Glavis	Norman Tempest	Ruth Macneir	Marjorie Tucker
Harold Goodwin	Samuel Tucker, Jr.	Marguerite Moore	Emily Urban
Joseph Kildare	Doris Baker	Agnes Morrison	Kay Ward

(An interval of three months is supposed to elapse between
 Acts I and II) Date 1750

Directed by Elsie Tucker
 Dancing by Betty Bockman

Costumes by members and friends of the cast directed by Imogene Tempest
 Hats by Ida Haase

Scenery by Bernard Hertsch and Walter Shorday
 Stage Lighting arranged by Walter Shorday

ORCHESTRA

Edward Boyer	Harold Goodwin, Jr.	Lester Tucker	Nicholas Frisch
Vernon Watson	Carl Tucker	William Burkholder	

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